

State of South Dakota

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1997

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1177

Introduced by: Representatives Cerny, Fiegen, Sperry, and Wetz and Senators Dunn (Jim),
Hutmacher, and Rounds

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to permit cooperatives, rural electric cooperatives, and
2 nonprofit corporations to conduct meetings by teleconference.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 47-17 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 Unless restricted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, members of the board of
7 directors or any committee designated by the board of directors may participate in a meeting of
8 such board or committee by means of teleconference or similar communications equipment which
9 allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation
10 by a board or committee member in a teleconference constitutes presence in person at a meeting.

11 Section 2. That chapter 47-21 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
12 follows:

13 Unless restricted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, members of the board of
14 directors or any committee designated by the board of directors may participate in a meeting of
15 such board or committee by means of teleconference or similar communications equipment which

1 allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation
2 by a board or committee member in a teleconference constitutes presence in person at a meeting.

3 Section 3. That chapter 47-23 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
4 follows:

5 Unless restricted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, members of the board of
6 directors or any committee designated by the board of directors may participate in a meeting of
7 such board or committee by means of teleconference or similar communications equipment which
8 allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation
9 by a board or committee member in a teleconference constitutes presence in person at a meeting.